

HOUSE RESOLUTION 9
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Phillip Ronzello for his
valiant military service and entrepreneurial
success.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as inspiring
individuals who embody the American dream; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Phillip Ronzello, born on August 27, 1913, in
Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronzello began a long and distinguished career in the culinary arts
working as a chef in New York for heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey; inspired by
this job, Mr. Ronzello opened his own restaurant, Sure Fine Grill, at the young age of 22; and

WHEREAS, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Phillip Ronzello enlisted in the
Merchant Marines and nobly served this great nation from 1942-1945 in the South Pacific and
London, England; and

WHEREAS, after returning from military service, Mr. Ronzello and his brother opened,
owned, and operated Red's Corral in Longview, Texas, for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Red's Corral was famous for its prime rib and was patronized by such noted
dignitaries as President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, a man once visited the restaurant and asked the Ronzello brothers to try a
wonderful recipe for fried chicken; this man was later known to the general public as Colonel
Sanders, the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken; and

WHEREAS, reflecting upon a bountiful life, Phillip Ronzello is most proud of owning the
first restaurant to serve Colonel Sanders' world famous fried chicken; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Ronzello embodies the honorable principles of valiant military service and entrepreneurial creativity, principles that serve as the backbone of our venerable citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Ronzello's life serves as a testament to the sacred values of bravery, hard work, and dedication, epitomizing the spirit of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to seize this golden opportunity to applaud a life well lived; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Phillip Ronzello for his meritorious service to the United States military and applaud his entrepreneurial success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Mr. Ronzello upon being recently honored by the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.